



## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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### WEEKLY REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The purpose of the environmental review process is to provide information about the environmental effects of the actions and decisions made by the County, so that environmental considerations become a part of the decision making process. The following is a summary of the most recent determinations made by the County's Environmental Coordinator. The purpose of this listing is to notify the public of pending actions, which may affect the environment of San Luis Obispo County.

You are invited to participate in this process by reviewing and providing comments on the recommendations of the Environmental Coordinator. Your comments should be in writing and should be delivered to: **Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator, Department of Planning and Building, 976 Osos Street, Room 300, San Luis Obispo, Ca 93408-2040.** For more information about the environmental review process, please write to the address above, call the Environmental Division of the Department of Planning and Building at (805) 781-5600, or review information on our website which is [www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org).

### Proposed Negative Declarations

A Negative Declaration is issued for projects that would not result in significant effects on the environment. In many cases, the project applicant has added mitigation measures to the project to reduce environmental impacts in order to qualify for a Negative Declaration. If you disagree with the issuance of a proposed Negative Declaration, you may provide comments or file a Request for Review (appeal) of the Negative Declaration. Requests for Review must be filed within two weeks of the date that the proposed Negative Declaration is posted and must address only environmental issues. There is a fee for the request. If you would like more information about this process, please contact the Environmental Coordinator.

### For Week of June 17, 2010

#### Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report available

WHO: County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building

WHAT: The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) for AT&T Fiber Optic Cable Project from San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles, California is complete and available for public review and comment. The DSEIR addresses environmental impacts that would result from the applicant's request to install buried fiber optic cable from the County of San Luis Obispo, through Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties to Los Angeles County. The applicant is proposing to install fiber optic cable along Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way, with portions of the route also located within various city, county, and state road rights-of-way. The majority of the route (98%) consists of installing cable into existing buried conduit. The remaining (2%) will require the installation of new conduits to house the fiber optic cable system. The objectives of the cable installation project is to complete a San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles fiber optic system installation to provide communications services between these two locations, which will ultimately connect with other AT&T domestic and international network systems. County File Number: ED09-118 (DRC2008-00153).

WHERE: The EIR is available on the web at: <http://www.attslolaseir.com/> Copies are also available on loan and for review at the Environmental Division of the Planning Department, located at the 976 Osos St., Room 300, San Luis Obispo, 93408-2040 Copies of the Draft SEIR, are also available for review from the

County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara; the Ventura County Planning Department at 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93009; and the Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, Hall of Records (13th Floor), 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Copies of DEIR are also available at affected jurisdiction's City offices and libraries throughout the four-county impact area.

#### HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION:

If you need more information about this project, please contact Steven McMasters at (805)781-5096 (or e-mail: [smcmasters@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:smcmasters@co.slo.ca.us)), or Mary Reents at (805) 543-7095 (or e-mail: [mreents@swca.com](mailto:mreents@swca.com)).

The County has requested a shortened 30-day review period for the DSEIR. Anyone interested in commenting on the DEIR should submit a written statement by 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2010 to: Steven McMasters, County of San Luis Obispo, C/O Mary B. Reents, SWCA Environmental Consultants, 1422 Monterey Street, Suite C200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (e-mail: [mreents@swca.com](mailto:mreents@swca.com))

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The EIR focuses on the following issues: Air Quality, Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Drainage, Erosion and Sedimentation, Geology, Hazardous Materials, Land Use-Recreation, Noise, Paleontological Resources, Public Services- Utilities, Surface Water Quality, Traffic and Safety, and Visual Resources. The Draft SEIR also addresses alternatives to the proposed project.

#### STUDY SESSION:

A study session on the DSEIR will be held on June 24, 2010, before the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo. If you plan to attend, please contact Steven McMasters at (805)781-5096 (or e-mail: [smcmasters@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:smcmasters@co.slo.ca.us)) before this date to verify. Staff and consultants will be available to discuss the DSEIR and its findings.

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing before the Planning Commission to certify the SEIR and consider the project for approval has been tentatively scheduled for July 29, 2010, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo. If you plan to attend, please call at least two weeks before this date to verify.